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# Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst 2025

**Tuesday 7 October – Friday 10 October**  
**Sydney & Brisbane**

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# The Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst returns to Australia for 2025

The Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst (ABIC) comes back to Australia with a handpicked British leadership group to inject the latest thinking, from policy and planning reform to advanced manufacturing.

Across Sydney and Brisbane, ABIC offers knowledge exchange on lifting productivity in transport and infrastructure, tackling housing, placemaking and social license and major projects from airports to stadia.

## Aims and Objectives of the Catalyst

- Build on the strong base of trade, investment and knowledge sharing in infrastructure and transport
- Unpack the growth agenda and policy priorities in the UK and Australia
- Reset thinking on lifting productivity and driving affordable cost outcomes
- Find investment to drive both economic and social outcomes
- Tackle the housing crises, from investment, to planning and progress on Modern Methods of Construction
- Spotlight on builds for airports and major event infrastructure
- Future focussed thinking to reduce supply chain risks, and grow skills and jobs

## Delegate Tickets

Member: \$6,000 | Non Member: \$7,000 (excludes GST)

*Please note the ticket price does not include travel and accommodation in Sydney and Brisbane. For more information, please contact us at [events@britishchamber.com](mailto:events@britishchamber.com). Please also get in touch if you are interested in finding out about Sponsorship options.*

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Tuesday, 7 October 2025

**Location:** Lendlease, Level 14, 300 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000

**Theme:** Planning and delivering certainty within changing democratic priorities

8:50	Welcome: <b>Phil Davies</b> , Chair, Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst
8:55	<b>Lendlease Welcome and Minister Introduction:</b> <b>Dale Connor</b> , Chief Operating Officer & Chief Executive Officer, Construction, Lendlease
9:00	<b>NSW Government Welcome:</b> <b>The Hon John Graham MLC</b> , NSW Minister for Transport
9:30	<b>The UK Government Address:</b> <b>Lord Peter Hendy</b> , UK Rail Minister <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Transport Reform and Economic growth to Infrastructure</li></ul>
10:00	<b>Australian Federal Government Address</b>
10:30	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00	<b>Infrastructure Investment Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Outcomes beyond construction jobs</li><li>▪ Pipeline certainty: planning and implementation</li><li>▪ Capping costs, optimising returns</li><li>▪ Energy transition</li></ul> <b>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Becky Wood</b>, CEO, National Infrastructure &amp; Service Transformation Authority (NISTA)</li><li>▪ <b>Andy Lord</b>, Commissioner, Transport for London</li><li>▪ <b>Howard Collins OBE</b>, Coordinator General, Transport for NSW</li></ul>
12:00	<b>How to Fund Infrastructure Sustainably – the National Debate and considered choices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Community support for the ‘Why’</li><li>▪ Fit for purpose vs gold plating</li><li>▪ Public ownership and/or Role of the private sector</li></ul> <b>In conversation moderated by Jeroen Weimar</b> , Secretary, Victorian Department of Transport & Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Tony Sheppherd AO</b>, Chairman, Infrastructure SA</li><li>▪ <b>Lord Peter Hendy</b>, UK Rail Minister</li></ul>

Tuesday, 7 October 2025

12:45 Lunch

13:45

### Growing Demand in a Changing Market

- Population, housing targets and back to the office
- Efficiency/productivity priorities
- Public transport integration

### Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion

- **Jeroen Weimar**, Secretary, Victorian Department of Transport & Planning
- **Lorna Murphy**, Bus Director, Transport for London (TfL)
- **Dean Kimpton**, Chief Executive Officer, Auckland Transport

14:45

### UK and Australian Landscape

- Making infrastructure work for Communities
- Update on Western Australia
- Pressure for growth, fast track planning, smarter use of assets
- Systems thinking failures & solutions

**Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Leon Daniels OBE**, President, UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

- **David Hughes**, CEO, East West Railway Company
- **Nicole Lockwood**, Chair, Infrastructure WA
- **Panel: Trudi Mares**, Deputy Secretary of Planning, Integration and Passenger, Transport for NSW

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00

### The Case for High Speed Rail

**A conversation: Tim Parker**, Chief Executive Officer, High Speed Rail Authority and **Kate Hall**, Major Projects Design Director, Arup

16:30

### Site Visit: Macquarie Group, 1 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000

- Barangaroo to Martin Place on Sydney Metro
- Private briefing and drinks Macquarie Bank 1 Elizabeth Street

19:00

**Catalyst Sydney Dinner: Museum of Contemporary Art, Foundation Hall**

**Dr Kerry Schott AO in conversation with Ticky Fullerton, CEO, ABCC**

Wednesday, 8 October 2025

**Locations**

**Morning:** Advanced Manufacturing Readiness Facility, 215 Badgerys Creed Rd, Bringelly NSW 2556

**Afternoon:** Lendlease, Level 14, 300 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000

**Theme:** Infrastructure's role in driving economic growth and sustainable housing and jobs

7:15	Coach to pick up at Wynyard (or other central location)
7:30	Coach to pick up at Crown Sydney
9:00	Arrive at the Advanced Manufacturing Readiness Facility
9:45	<b>Welcome:</b> Ticky Fullerton, CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
9:05	<p><b>Welcome to a new City</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ New Cities to turbo charge Economic Development</li><li>▪ Bradfield City</li><li>▪ Competition for inbound investment</li></ul> <p><b>Keynote:</b> Jennifer Westacott AC, Chancellor Western Sydney University, Chair, Bradfield Development Authority</p>
9:25	<p><b>A Catalyst for investment in the West's growth engine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Industrial heritage</li><li>▪ Catalytic investment – Stage 1 &amp; 2</li></ul> <p><b>Keynote:</b> Ben Kitcher, Executive Director, Bradfield Development Authority – Advanced Manufacturing Readiness Facility</p>
9:35	<p><b>Lifting Productivity – new structures and advanced manufacturing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ National Construction Strategy – an update</li><li>▪ MMC, leadership and gaining traction</li><li>▪ Lifting construction productivity</li></ul> <p><b>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Jon Davies</b>, CEO, Australian Constructors Association</li><li>▪ <b>Rebecca Hanley</b>, Group Director – Strategic Programmes, Laing O'Rourke</li><li>▪ <b>Panel:</b> Martin Fenn, MMC Lead, CIOB Oceania; Chief Delivery Officer, PT Blink</li></ul>
10:30	Morning Break – delegates can explore the Facility

## Wednesday, 8 October 2025

**10:50 Ministerial Address: The Hon Rose Jackson MLC**, Minister for Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Youth, NSW Government

**11:10 Planning – the right path to address housing**

- Streamlining planning & approvals
- Prioritising critical infrastructure
- TODS and Precinct level planning
- Community buy-in/social license

**Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Sallyann Aitken**, Chief Development Officer, The APP Group

- **Simon Draper**, Secretary, NSW Premier’s Department
- **Said Hirsh**, Head of Strategy, Planning and Innovation, infrastructure NSW
- **Colin Crisafulli**, Future grid and Asset Management Executive, Endeavour Energy

**12:10 Lunch**

**12:40 Drive back to the city – Drive past Western Sydney Airport on route**

**14:00 Arrive back at Lendlease**

**14:15 Future-proofing Airports – Operator and Systems Thinking**

- Airports for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century
- Changing shareholder expectations
- Complex Delivery, standardisation, MMC
- Timing of SAF

**Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Stephanie Graham**, Chief Executive Officer, Construction, Lendlease

- **Simon Hickey**, CEO, Western Sydney Airport
- **Paul Willis**, Group Executive Planning & Delivery, Sydney Airport/former Chief Development Officer, Manchester Airport Group
- **Andrew Macmillan**, Chief Strategy Officer, Manchester Airports Group
- **Michael Hannah**, Head of Infrastructure, IFM Australia

**15:15 Airports – Industry’s role in delivering future airports**

- Leveraging a global capability
- Managing risks to be cost effective

**Keynotes followed by a panel discussion**

## Wednesday, 8 October 2025

- **Chris Turton**, Aviation Lead ANZ, Mott MacDonald
- **Prasannah Kumar**, Vice President, Growth & Sales, Jacobs Australia

### 16:15 Afternoon Tea

#### **The Social and Economic case for Rail**

- Learnings on the economic case
- Community buy-in, social value
- Rail lifting regions
- Focus on TODS

16:30

#### **Keynotes followed by a panel discussion**

- **Andy Lord**, Commissioner, Transport for London
- **David Hughes**, CEO, East West Rail Company
- **Henri Murison**, CEO, The Northern Powerhouse Partnership

17:30

#### **Night off**

*(some delegate may choose to fly to Brisbane this evening)*

# Thursday, 9 October 2025

**Location:** MinsterEllison, L22, One Eagle – Waterfront Brisbane, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane 4000

**Theme:** Delivering a world class experience whilst leaving a sustainable legacy

10:00	<b>Welcome: Phil Davies</b> , Chair, Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst
10:05	<b>Ministerial Welcome: The Hon Jarrid Bleijie</b> , Deputy Premier of Queensland, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning; Minister for Industrial Relations
10:40	<p><b>Investment and Delivery for 2032</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fresh eyes on Government/Private partnerships</li><li>▪ Programmatic approach to partnerships</li></ul> <p><b>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Melanie Kurzydlo</b>, Chief Executive Property and Social Infrastructure, The APP Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Justin Davies</b>, Executive Director, Lendlease Development</li><li>▪ <b>Dr Allison Stewart</b>, General Manager Victoria &amp; Tasmania, Mott MacDonald</li></ul>
11:40	<b>Morning Tea</b>
12:10	<p><b>Nation Building Opportunity and Legacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Old Trafford</li><li>▪ 2032 impact and legacy creating projects</li><li>▪ Venues, transport and amenity</li><li>▪ Regional dividend</li></ul> <p><b>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Simon Crooks</b>, CEO, Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority</li><li>▪ <b>Leah Kelly</b>, Deputy Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning</li><li>▪ <b>Henri Murison</b>, CEO, The Northern Powerhouse Partnership</li></ul>



13:10	<b>Lunch</b>
14:10	<p><b>Nation Building Opportunity – Private Sector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private sector role in 2032</li> <li>▪ The right priorities</li> <li>▪ Cost certainty in delivery</li> <li>▪ Keeping cities working</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mark Dimmock</b>, Managing Director – Australia, Laing O’Rourke</li> <li>▪ <b>Richard de Cani</b>, Chief Officer for Global Business and Markets, Arup</li> <li>▪ <b>Chris Edwards</b>, Executive Director, Jacobs</li> <li>▪ <b>Panel: Scott Power</b>, CEO, BMD Group</li> </ul>
15:30	<b>2012 Legacy</b>
16:15	<b>End of Catalyst sessions</b>
19:00	<p><b>Catalyst Brisbane Dinner – Co-sponsored by Arup &amp; Lendlease</b></p> <p>Blackbird, Riverview Room, 123 Eagle Street, Brisbane 4000</p>

# Friday, 10 October 2025

**Location:** MinterEllison, L22, One Eagle – Waterfront Brisbane, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

**Theme:** Delivering a world class experience whilst leaving a sustainable legacy

8:50	<b>Welcome: Ticky Fullerton</b> , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
9:00	<b>Pathway to 2032, State Development Address: Damien Walker</b> , Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
TBC	<b>Federal Department Address: Jim Betts</b> , Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sports and the Arts
9:30	<b>Market Capacity Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ National priorities for delivery and funding</li><li>▪ Battle for talent</li><li>▪ Succession planning</li></ul> <b>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Tim Reardon</b>, Chief Commissioner, Infrastructure Australia</li><li>▪ <b>Peter Anusas</b>, General Manager, Empower (Part of BMD Group)</li><li>▪ <b>Panel: Jon Davies</b>, CEO, Australian Constructors Association</li></ul>
10:30	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00	<b>Games Transport Dividend for SE Queensland – A mode shift legacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Transport report card – Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast</li><li>▪ Regional connections and economic development</li><li>▪ Role of buses</li></ul> <b>Keynotes followed by a panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Sally Stannard</b>, Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads</li><li>▪ <b>Graeme Newton</b>, CEO, Cross River Rail</li><li>▪ <b>Panel: Lorna Murphy</b>, Bus Director, TfL</li><li>▪ <b>Panel: Leon Daniels OBE</b>, President, UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport</li></ul>
12.00	<b>Lunch</b>

13:00	<b>Green and Gold Legacy 2032</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Productive and sustainable infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Social Value and Social Licence</li> <li>▪ Decarbonising Transport</li> </ul>
14:00	<b>Young Ambassadors Take Out</b> <b>Panel discussion moderated by Ynja Bjornsson</b> , Senior Programme Manager, Australian British Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Angela Kelepurovska</b>, Assistant Development Manager, Lendlease</li> <li>▪ <b>Nick Turner</b>, Senior Civil Engineer, Arup</li> <li>▪ <b>Ty Wundenberg</b>, Structural Engineer, Mott MacDonald</li> <li>▪ <b>Ivy Jing</b>, Senior Advisor, Infrastructure Advisory, The APP Group</li> </ul>
14:30	<b>Senior Truth to Power Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What have we learned?</li> <li>▪ What is holding us back</li> <li>▪ What to take forward?</li> </ul>
15:00	<b>Catalyst Concludes</b>